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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR ALEKSEYEV'S VISITS TO MAURITIUS

REF: PORT LOUIS 0521 (NOTAL)

1. NEW AND FIRST RESIDENT SOVIET AMBASSADOR ALEKSEYEV VISITED MAURITIUS JUNE 11-15, WITHIN FEW DAYS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS HERE. ALEKSEYEV PERSONALLY TOLD ME PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE THAT PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO HAVE TALK WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS BECAUSE LATTER WAS RETURNING TO MOSCOW. QUESTION NOW ARISES WHY ALEKSEYEV RUSHED SO QUICKLY TO MAURITIUS SINCE REFTEL REPORTS SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS NOT LEAVING FOR MOSCOW UNTIL JULY 4.

2. WHEN I RETURNED ALEKSEYEV'S PROTOCOL CALL JUNE 28 AND INVITED HIM TO LUNCH ON JULY 10, HE DECLINED BECAUSE HE SAID HE EXPECTS BE IN MAURITIOUS AGAIN AT THAT TIME, RETURNING TO MADAGASCAR TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER DATE OF MY LUNCH. HE INDICATED SOME POSSIBILITY COUNSELOR PAPKINE MIGHT GO TO MAURITIUS IN HIS PLACE. HE ASSERTED PURPOSES OF THIS TRIP ARE TO PICK
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UP MAIL (PRESUMABLY DIPLOMATIC POUCH) AND PERHAPS BUY FURNITURE.

3. GIVEN SOVIET INTEREST THESE DAYS IN INDIAN OCEAN, I AM OF COURSE INTRIGUED BY THESE RECURRING VISITS TO MAURITIUS, ESPECIALLY SINCE ALEKSEYEV CLAIMS HE PREFERS TANANARIVE'S CLIMATE TO THAT OF MAURITIUS. WOULD APPEAR FROM REFTEL THAT ALEKSEYEV LIKELY BE IN MAURITIUS THIS TIME DURING ABSENCE SOVIET AMBASSADOR THERE.

4. IF ACTION ADDRESSEES HAVE ANY LIGHT TO THROW ON PURPOSES ALEKSEYEV'S VISITS TO MAURITIUS, WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS.
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